

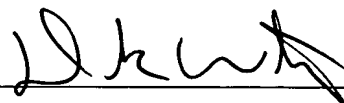


REMARKS

Claims 1-40 were pending. By the above amendments, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 20-22, and 40. Accordingly, claims 1-40 are currently pending. The Applicants respectfully request examination in view of the amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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